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DECLARATION

I, Anna H. Scheblein, the undersigned, hereby state the following:

1. I am a legal secretary at the law firm of Scully, Scott, Murphy, and Presser (hereinafter SSMP) located in Garden City, New York, United States of America.
2. Our firm represents NEC Corporation (hereinafter NEC) in numerous U.S. patent matters.
3. In my capacity as legal secretary it is among my responsibilities to prepare the documents for filing new U.S. patent applications. It is the procedure at SSMP for the secretary to prepare all the transmittal letters, obtain the necessary checks, copy the application papers, including specification, claims, abstract and drawings, and verify that the Express Mail numbers on the transmittals match the label and certificates of mailing. In particular, the specification pages are counted to make sure that all the pages are there and the application is complete. Once the application has been signed, the application papers are deposited in a Patent and Trademark out box in our docketing department. The docketing clerk then double checks that all the paperwork is complete. (See, Declaration of Janet Grossman).
4. Further, a New Patent Application Checklist is filled out, wherein the number of pages of the specification, transmittal pages and drawing sheets are listed, as well the check amounts and Claim of Priority, Information Disclosure Statement, etc. Enclosed is the checklist for docket 14309 which was prepared by

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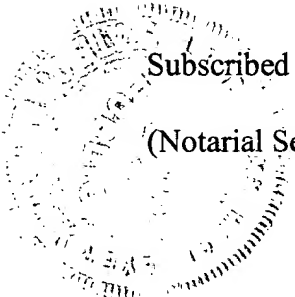
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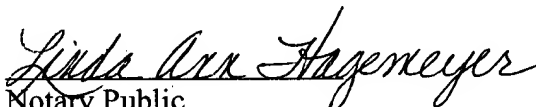
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Anna H. Scheblein

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May 2001.

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